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The reply filed on 09 May 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The response does not fully address the issues pending at least in that it does not specifically address each of the related PCT filings. Applicant declined to specifically discuss the "non-priority PCT applications" because 37 C.F.R. 1.14 "provides for maintaining these non-priority PCT applications in confidence". This is not found persuasive as they have already been published as WO 93/12892, WO 93/13393 and, WO 93/12934, all published 7/8/1993. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

It is anticipated the next office action will be made final. The examiner has issued this letter in order that all outstanding issues may be in condition for disposal at that time.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David M Brunsman whose telephone number is 703-308-3454. The examiner can normally be reached on M, Tu, Th, F (6:30-5:00).

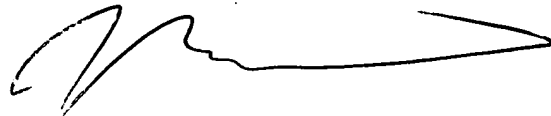
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Bell can be reached on 703-308-3823. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9049 for regular communications and 703-305-3599 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

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